

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend page 4, second to the last paragraph as follows:

The snap ring 27, as shown in Fig. 3 and Fig. 4, is formed from a thin bar bent into a single loop around an outer periphery of the filter in a circumferential direction and with overlapping portions, and both ends 29 of the bar are extended oppositely along an [[in]] axial direction of the snap ring 27. The both ends 29 contact or approximately contact with a pair of side surfaces of the outer periphery of the filter defining one of the groove portions 9, 10 and 11 in order to minimize vibration.